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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
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	U.S. Patent No. 2,975,858	Mar 21, 1961	Billingsley		
	U.S. Patent No. 4,926,965	May 22, 1990	Fox		
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	U.S. Patent No. 5,848,667	Dec 15, 1998	Davidson		
	U.S. Patent No. 6,343,562 B1	Feb 5, 2002	Ingram		
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	U.S. Patent No. 6,533,626 B2	Mar 18, 2003	Pons		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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